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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6616

BILL NUMBER: SB 269

NOTE PREPARED: Mar 16, 2009

BILL AMENDED: Mar 16, 2009

SUBJECT: Various Public Safety Matters.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Arnold

FIRST SPONSOR: Rep. Tincher

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 2nd House

FUNDS AFFECTED: ☒ **GENERAL**
☒ **DEDICATED**
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) *Emergency Management Contingency Fund*. This bill specifies the manner of approval for allocations from the Emergency Management Contingency Fund.

Designees. It allows certain members of (1) the Homeland Security Foundation and local emergency planning committees to appoint designees for a specified meeting. It also allows certain members of the Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education to appoint designees.

Amusement and Entertainment Permits. It provides that all amusement and entertainment permits expire one year after the date of issuance.

Disaster Relief Fund. The bill makes certain changes relating to who is eligible to receive financial assistance from the Disaster Relief Fund.

Counterterrorism and Security Council. The bill adds the chief information officer of the Office of Technology as a voting member of the council. It also adds the (1) Minority Leader of the Senate, or the Minority Leader's designee; and (2) Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, or the Minority Leader's designee; as nonvoting members of the council.

Amusement and Entertainment Permits. The bill provides that all amusement and entertainment permits expire one year after the date of issuance.

Statewide Arson Investigation Financial Assistance Fund. The bill transfers money in the fund to the Fire and Building Services Fund. It repeals provision that establishes the Statewide Arson Investigation Financial

Assistance Fund.

Effective Date: (Amended) Upon Passage; July 1, 2009.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) *Emergency Management Contingency Fund*. The fund consists of money appropriated by the General Assembly. Under current law, money in the fund must be held in reserve and allocated for emergency management purposes upon recommendation of the director of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), the approval of the Governor, and the Budget Committee. The proposal provides that an allocation of not more than \$100,000 can be approved by the director and the budget director. Allocations of more than \$100,000 must have the recommendation of the director and the approval of the Governor and the Budget Agency. This change is procedural and should not have a significant fiscal impact.

Designees. Allowing voting members to appoint designees of the same political party as the voting members should not have an impact.

Amusement and Entertainment Permits. The bill provides that permits issued after June 30, 2009, expire one year after the date of issuance. This provision will not have a significant impact. Currently, permits expire after one year; however, the expiration date is the same for all permits. Providing that the permits expire after one year could allow more time for the processing of applications for renewal and inspections.

Disaster Relief Fund. The bill makes certain changes relating to who is eligible to receive financial assistance from the Disaster Relief Fund. This change is a technical change and has no fiscal impact.

Counterterrorism and Security Council. The bill adds the chief information officer of the Office of Technology as a voting member of the council. It also adds the (1) Minority Leader of the Senate, or the Minority Leader's designee; and (2) Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, or the Minority Leader's designee; as nonvoting members of the council. The provision will add no additional expense for the DHS which provides staff for the committee. However, legislative members will be paid from state General Fund moneys that are appropriated to the Legislative Council and the Legislative Services Agency. Legislative per diem and mileage reimbursement costs are estimated at \$5,000 per year.

Background. The council meets monthly in Indianapolis. Assuming that legislative members travel 100 miles round trip to the meeting, mileage expenses would equal \$1,320 annually. Per diem expenses would equal \$3,312 for an annual total of 4,632.

Statewide Arson Investigation Financial Assistance Fund. The bill transfers money in the fund to the Fire and Building Services Fund. It repeals provision that establishes the Statewide Arson Investigation Financial Assistance Fund. Currently the assistance fund contains about \$17,000 which has not been used. The Insurance Commissioner and the Fire Marshal needed to draft rules before money in the fund could be used. Complications in the rule making process have resulted in the money in the fund not being used. Rules still need to be drafted.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Designees*. Allowing a local emergency planning committee member to appoint a designee of the same political party as the committee member should have little, if any, impact on local expenditures.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: DHS.

Local Agencies Affected: Counties, municipalities, and townships.

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